

Malaysia Dutch East

MALAYSIA

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FACTS

A GREAT MISSION FIELD

In area Malaysia is one of the great mission fields of the world. It covers a space equal to that of the United States. The island of Sumatra equals Washington and Oregon. Borneo equals Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

In population Malaysia has over forty million people. The island of Java alone has four times the population of New York State. Immigration brings in 250,000 Chinese and 60,000 Indians a year. Sumatra and Borneo alone could support 200,000,000.

Languages of Indian immigrants are Tamil, Telugu, Hindustani, etc.; those of Chinese are Cantonese, Hok-kien, Hakka, Foochow, etc.; those of Malay races are Malay, Javanese, Sundanese, Dayak, Batta, Bugis, and hundreds of others.

Religions of the immigrants are Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism; of Malay races, Mohammedanism; some pagan tribes not yet reached by Islam.

WHAT MISSIONARIES ARE DOING

Dutch Societies are working principally in Java, Celebes, and the small islands to the East.

German Societies have had great success in Battaland, Sumatra, and work in South Borneo and Java.

English Societies have perhaps twenty missionaries on the Malay Peninsula and Borneo.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is the only American Society here. It has occupied the whole West coast of the Malay Peninsula, the great cities of Singapore and Penang, two important areas in North and West Borneo, the two great centers of population in East Sumatra, four important centers on the island of Java.

The total missionary force is a little over 400: The German Rhenish Mission has about 140; the Methodist Episcopal Church has over 100; the Dutch and English societies have the remaining 160.

Singapore is the hub of Malaysia. This strategic position must be held strongly.

The Chinese are the most progressive people in Malaysia. Most of the trade and local shipping is in their hands.

The Methodist Mission is the strongest in Singapore, and is specializing on the education of the Chinese. The Chinese are a literary people and demand education.

We have 7,695 boys and girls enrolled in sixty-six day schools. In the last four years the boys increased forty-seven per cent and the girls seventy-eight per cent.

The boys' schools are self-supporting, even paying the salaries of the missionary teachers. In their spare time the teachers are engaged in church work.

In the Dutch Islands a Chinese educational society pays the salary and transit

of our missionaries who teach in their schools.

The work of our schools influences the entire community of all races. Our most influential converts are students from our schools. Where schools are opened, churches are soon organized.

After thirty years' work the Malaysia Mission has a total membership of 4,068. Our India Mission took twenty years to get 3,840 converts. All the China Missions had only 2,000 converts after sixty years. Now our India Mission numbers 240,000, and China has 300,000.

Malaysia Mission had 2,011 baptisms in the last four years. The membership increased twenty-eight per cent. Baptized children increased seventy-six per cent. Sunday school scholars increased ninety-two per cent. Ministerial support increased sixty-seven per cent.

NEEDS

Support of students in Singapore Bible Training School for native ministers, per year, at	\$40
Support of native pastors, per year, at	200
Support of English-speaking students for the ministry, per year, at . .	100
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